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SUBJ: US-USSR EXCHANGE AGREEMENT: SOIL EROSION TEAM

1. AGATTACHE ACCOMPANIED SOIL EROSION TEAM ON FIRST LEG OF TRIP ROSTOV-STAVROPOL MAY 20-26. PROGRAM AND RECEPTION BY SOVIET SIDE JUDGES AS EXCELLENT BY TEAM MEMBERS. DISCUSSIONS AND FIELD OBSERVATIONS CONCLUDED WITH QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD. EXCHANGE PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY TO CRITIQUE SOVIET PROGRAM AND TO EXAMINE INTERESTS OF SOVIET SIDE IN PROGRAMMED VISIT TO US NEXT YEAR.
2. US TEAM REQUESTED A FURTHER EXCHANGE OF SEEDS -- WINTER TRITICALE, PERENNIAL RYE AND SORGHUM. SEEDS WILL BE POUCHED TO USDA BY AGATTACHE ON RECEIPT FROM STAVROPOL INSTITUTE.
3. TEAM MEMBERS MOST PLEASED BY CORDIAL WELCOME AND WELL-PLANNED PROGRAM. OBSERVATIONS INCLUDED BOTH EXPERIMENTAL AND ACTUAL FIELD TESTS. MACHINERY WAS ALSO EXHIBITED AND DEMONSTRATED.
4. ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS MINIMUM. TRANSLATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE FROM MINAG ACCOMPANIED TEAM.
5. PRESS COVERAGE MADE IN ROSTOV.

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